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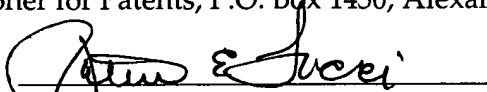
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Serial No: 10/765,267 Confirmation No. 9577
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Application Title: Compositions And Kits Pertaining To Analyte Determination
Applicants: Pappin et al.
Group Art Unit: 1626
Examiner: Nyeemah, Grazier
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Action Date: March 20, 2006

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OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir or Madam:

This response is being filed within the 3-month shortened statutory period set by the Office. Accordingly, please consider the following response to the Office Action mailed on March 20, 2006.

I. ACTION SUMMARY

Claims 2-5, 8-16, 18-29, 31-42, 44-53, 71 and 72 stand pending in the application. Claim 72 stands withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner. Claims 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 15, 20, 33, 41, 42, 44-53 and 71 stand rejected. Claims 2, 5, 9, 12-14, 16, 18, 19 and 21-27 stand objected to. Claims 28, 29, 31, 32 and 34-40 appear to be allowed (See page 7 of the Office Action) but the Office Action Summary suggests that no claim stands allowed.